Chapter 6

The Army Engaged

The Army today is globally engaged. It has more than 122,000 soldiers and 43,000 civilians forward-stationed around the world, primarily in Europe and in the Pacific. An additional 28,000 soldiers are deployed away from home stations conducting operations and participating in exercises in about 76 countries. Recent and continuing missions include Kosovo, Kuwait, Colombia, Sinai, Macedonia and Bosnia; Partnership for Peace exercises; joint task forces for counterdrug operations; and hurricane and flood relief. Units

are also routinely deployed to combat training centers for intensive away-from-home-base training. On any given day, about 150,000 soldiers are assigned or deployed overseas (see figure 12).

Since 1989, the Army has provided more than 60 percent of the forces for 32 of 36 major deployments; in that same time frame its end-strength was reduced by 33 percent and its infrastructure by 21 percent.

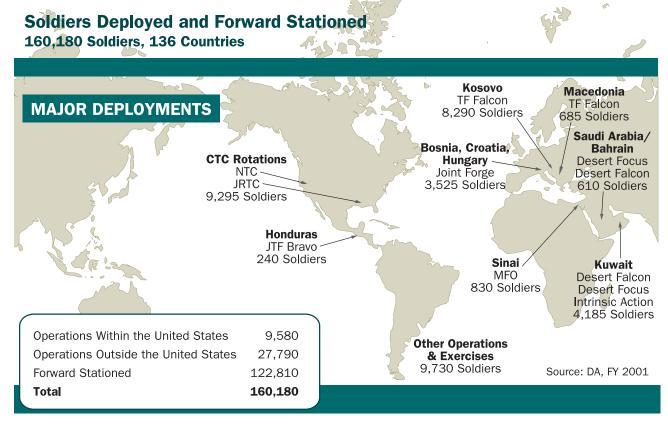


Figure 12. The Army Engaged